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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL  
DELEGATION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE NOT TO REOPEN THE UNITED STATES BORDER TO IMPORTS  
OF CANADIAN CATTLE UNTIL THERE ARE PROTECTIONS IN PLACE FOR  
AMERICANS.

WHEREAS, maintaining a safe and healthy food supply for  
Americans should be the first priority of the United States  
department of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, a primary component in that mission should be  
meeting the needs of food producers in our nation so that they  
can continue to produce that safe, healthy food; and

WHEREAS, the United States department of agriculture

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1 announced its intention to reopen the Canadian border to live  
2 cattle and additional beef products despite the existence of  
3 four cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as  
4 mad cow disease, in Canadian-born cattle; and

5 WHEREAS, livestock producers in New Mexico and across the  
6 nation have taken a strong stand regarding reopening the  
7 border;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico congressional  
10 delegation be requested to encourage the United States  
11 department of agriculture not to reopen the border with Canada  
12 for imports of Canadian cattle and to adopt the positions  
13 advocated by the national cattlemen's beef association,  
14 including:

15 A. a ban on imports unless there are protections in  
16 place to guard against bovine spongiform encephalopathy and  
17 agreements in place to minimize American market disruption and  
18 to reestablish United States beef and beef byproduct exports  
19 with Japan, Korea and Mexico;

20 B. a ban on Canadian live cattle of more than  
21 thirty months of age, a ban on beef and beef by-products from  
22 Canadian cattle of more than thirty months of age and a ban on  
23 unspayed Canadian heifers of any age;

24 C. a requirement that Canadian cattle be labeled  
25 with an ear tag marked "CAN" and shipped in a sealed truck;

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